

Senate File 379 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to funding amounts for the statewide preschool
2 program and including applicability provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. "Preschool budget enrollment" means:

4 (1) For school districts providing ten or more hours, but
5 less than fifteen hours, per week of instruction, the figure
6 that is equal to fifty percent of the actual enrollment of
7 eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
8 a school district approved to participate in the preschool
9 program on October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in
10 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

11 (2) For school districts providing fifteen or more hours,
12 but less than twenty hours, per week of instruction, the figure
13 that is equal to seventy percent of the actual enrollment of
14 eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
15 a school district approved to participate in the preschool
16 program on October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in
17 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

18 (3) For school districts providing twenty or more hours,
19 but less than twenty-five hours, per week of instruction, the
20 figure that is equal to eighty percent of the actual enrollment
21 of eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
22 a school district approved to participate in the preschool
23 program on October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in
24 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

25 (4) For school districts providing twenty-five or more
26 hours, but less than thirty hours, per week of instruction, the
27 figure that is equal to ninety percent of the actual enrollment
28 of eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
29 a school district approved to participate in the preschool
30 program on October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in
31 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

32 (5) For school districts providing thirty or more hours per
33 week of instruction, the figure that is equal to the actual
34 enrollment of eligible students in the preschool programming
35 provided by a school district approved to participate in the

1 preschool program on October 1 of the base year, or the first
2 Monday in October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

3 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
4 years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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8 Under Code chapter 256C, preschool foundation aid is
9 calculated by multiplying the school district's preschool
10 budget enrollment by the regular program state cost per
11 pupil for the budget year. "Preschool budget enrollment" is
12 defined as the figure that is equal to 50 percent of the actual
13 enrollment of eligible students in the preschool programming
14 provided by a school district approved to participate in the
15 preschool program on October 1 of the base year.

16 This bill modifies the percentage used to calculate
17 "preschool budget enrollment" based on the number of hours of
18 instruction provided. For school districts providing 10 or
19 more hours, but less than 15 hours, per week of instruction,
20 the percentage remains at 50 percent. For school districts
21 providing 15 or more hours, but less than 20 hours, per week
22 of instruction, the percentage is 70 percent. For school
23 districts providing 20 or more hours, but less than 25 hours,
24 per week of instruction, the percentage is 80 percent. For
25 school districts providing 25 or more hours, but less than 30
26 hours, per week of instruction, the percentage is 90 percent.
27 For school districts providing 30 or more hours per week of
28 instruction, the percentage is 100 percent.

29 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
30 July 1, 2024.